

every fact is well known. Only the few can make the great discoveries; but all of us can make many minor ones. Then study closely the common birds. You will be surprised at the many interesting facts to be learned. This year we purpose issuing numerous Bulletins for the publication of these facts, and every member is earnestly requested to report frequently. The study of special groups will go on as before, and we shall be glad to hear from any who wish to study new groups. The election of active members in April should not be forgotten. It is probable that this election will fill all the places in the Active list. Those who have friends that desire to join should propose their names at once. Thanking you for the honor of an election to the presidency, I remain, very truly yours,

WILLARD N. CLUTE.

From the New Secretary.

It is with pleasure that I take this opportunity of thanking you for the honor you have bestowed on me. You could easily have found a man better qualified for the responsible position of secretary, but you would have considerable difficulty in finding one who is more in love with the chapter, or who will do more to advance its interests. The present

outlook is a very bright one. Under the able guidance of President Clute, all that is required to make this the banner year of the Chapter is for the members to bestir themselves. It is impossible for the officers to do it all. From so large a membership, a great many valuable *original* reports should be received. This year a series of bulletins will be issued. The number of these bulletins will depend on the number and extent of the notes and reports sent in. It will require money to issue the bulletins, but if the members will be prompt in sending in their dues there will be no lack of funds. Let us unitedly work for the improvement of our organization and the advancement of our beloved science.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM B. CAULK.

Facts About the Chapter.

The Wilson Chapter was the pioneer society for studying Ornithology by correspondence. It is the only corresponding Chapter in the Agassiz Association devoted to this science, and until very recently was the only society in America studying birds in this way. Although over five years old it has never held a meeting, all the work being done by correspondence. During this time it has